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Bald Eagles Return to the Cuyahoga Valley *Trail Restrictions Set*

Brecksville, Ohio - The pair of Bald Eagles have returned to their nest to take up residency for a second year. In 2007 the pair raised one eaglet, the first successful nest in Cuyahoga County in over 70 years. The nest is located in the Pinery Narrows area north of Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The National Park Service will close certain areas surrounding the Bald Eagle nest to human traffic to minimize disturbance. The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail will remain open to moving traffic, but closed to stopping and standing for any length of time.

“We appreciate the support and compliance by the public in respecting the trail restrictions last year and look forward to a second successful nesting season.” said John P. Debo, Jr. Superintendent of CVNP.

In late winter eagles lay one to three eggs that are incubated for approximately 35 days. Eagle eggs and young are extremely sensitive to cold temperatures so adults must remain on the nest constantly. Human disturbance can disrupt this constant care, jeopardizing nesting success.

Although recently removed from the endangered species list, the Bald Eagle is still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Both federal laws prohibit taking, killing, selling or otherwise harming eagles, their nests or eggs.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information call (216) 524- 1497 or (800) 445- 9667 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva.

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